

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final is made in response to the final Office Action dated January 6, 2009. Claims 64 - 84 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claim 64 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 66. Claim 66 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 67 and 68 have been amended to depend from claim 64 in view of the cancellation of claim 66. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 71-84 are allowed and that claims 66-68 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim. As indicated above, the recitations of claim 66 have been amended into claim 64. It is believed that all pending claims are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 64, 65, 69 and 70 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,808,186 to Smith (the "Smith patent"). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position regarding the disclosure found in the Smith patent. However, in order to expedite allowance of this case, Applicants have amended claim 64 to incorporate the recitations of claim 66. Accordingly, claims 64, 65, 69 and 70 should be allowed as well. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the previously pending claims 64, 65, 69 and 70, and similar claims, in a continuation application to be filed in the future.

Applicants herewith submit copies of the foreign references which were not provided with the previously-submitted IDS. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider them on the record.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any fees payable in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

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